

REMARKS

The remaining rejected claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 20, 21 and 33-36 have been cancelled. Therefore, a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

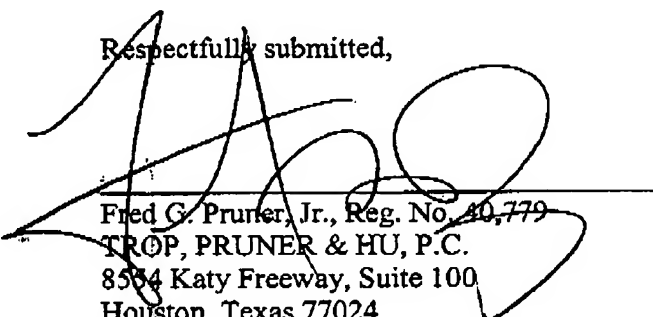
The Advisory Action does not indicate whether or not the amendment presented in the Reply to Final Office Action dated January 8, 2004, was entered. It is assumed for purposes of this Reply that the amendment was not entered. Therefore, the amendment presented in the previous reply is presented again and includes the additional cancellation of claims, as set forth above. Applicant submits that the amendment contained herein does not require further consideration and/or search by the Examiner. Therefore, entry of this amendment is requested.

The coversheet of the Advisory Action states the period for reply expires three months from the mailing date of the final rejection. However, pursuant to M.P.E.P. §§ 706.07(f) and 710.02(e), the Reply to Final Office Action was filed within two month from the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Therefore, the period for Reply to the Final Office Action expired on March 17, 2004, the mailing date of the Advisory Action. Thus, Applicant submits that only a one month extension fee is needed for entry of this amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (22.1414).

Respectfully submitted,

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